GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MILITARY TIES WITH CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to strengthen military ties with Central Asian Countries; and

(b) if so, the areas of military cooperation identified therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The Government has been taking steps to strengthen Military and Technical Cooperation with friendly countries including the Central Asian Republics.

(b) The areas identified for military cooperation with Central Asian Countries cover military training, exchange of visits, measures to counter terrorism and interaction between defence industries.